JC17 Rec'd PTO	16	JUN	2005
----------------	----	-----	------

00

م مارون الم

PTO/SB/08A (08-03)
Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031
U. S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE of information unless it displays a paid OMB correct such as

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO				Application Number				
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE				Application Number	101977249			
				Filing Date				
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT		First Named Inventor	Kunihiko Ishikura					
(use as many sheets as necessary)				Group Art Unit				
				Examiner Name				
Sheet	1	of	1	Attorney Docket Number	1669-02000			

			U.S. PATENT	DOCUMENTS	
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document Number Number-Kind Code ¹ (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		US-			

		FC	OREIGN PATENT DO	CUMENTS		
Examiner Cit No.	Cite	Foreign Patent Document		Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document		T ⁶
	No.'	Country Code ³ Number ⁴ Kind Code ⁵ (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY		Pages, Columns, Lines, Where RelevantPassages or Relevant Figures Appear	
KP	AA	Japanese Laid-Open Utility Model Publication No. 2002-2278				
KP	AB	Japanese Laid-Open Utility Model Publication No. 2002-240556				
KP	AC	Japanese Laid-Open Utility Model Publication No. 9-315149				
L	L					

		OTHER PRIOR ART - NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS	
Examiner Initials*	Cite No.	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T²
KP	AD	PCT International Search Report for Application No. PCT/JP03/16051 dated February 9, 2004 (1 p.)	

Examiner Signature /Kiran Patel/	Date Considered	11/07/2006
----------------------------------	--------------------	------------

ISSOITO/1/1669-02000

*EXAMINER: Initial reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. 1 Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). 2 See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. 3 Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). 4 For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. 5 Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard St.16 if possible. 6 Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language translation is attached.

The collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.79 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2

1.